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SUBJ: PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT:
NON-ALIGNED STEERING GROUP

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1. NEWLY FORMED 32-MEMBER NON-ALIGNED STEERING GROUP MET ON MARCH 1 TO COORDINATE ITS POSITION ON SEVERAL ISSUES TO BE DECIDED AT FIRST MEETING OF THE SSOD PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FROM MARCH 28-APRIL 1. GROUP'S MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES 29 NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES PLUS BRAZIL, MEXICO, AND VENEZUELA. IT INCLUDES INDONESIA AND MALI, WHICH ARE NOT MEMBERS OF THE PREPCOM BUT ARE PARTICIPANTS IN THE CORE NON-ALIGNED COORDINATING GROUP, WHICH MET ON DISARMAMENT MATTERS DURING 31ST UNGA AND COORDINATED THE ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION (USUN 360, PARA 3). THE MEMBERS OF THE NEW ENLARGED GROUP ARE: ALGERIA, ARGENTINA, BANGLADESH, BENIN, BRAZIL, BURUNDI, CUBA, CYPRUS, EGYPT, ETHIOPIA, GUYANA, INDIA, INDONESIA, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IRAQ, LIBERIA, LIBYA, MALAYSIA, MALI, MAURITIUS, MEXICO, MOROCCO, NEPAL, NIGERIA, PANAMA, PERU, SRI LANKA, SUDAN, TUNISIA, VENEZUELA, YUGOSLAVIA, ZAIRE, AND ZAMBIA.

2. ACCORDING TO YUGOSLAV MISOFF, WITH WHOM WE DISCUSSED THE MEETING, THE STEERING GROUP REACHED AGREEMENT ON 3 ISSUES:

CHAIRMANSHIP, THE BUREAU, AND THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE PREPCOM. THESE DECISIONS AND THE STATE OF PLAY ON EACH OF THEM ARE SUMMARIZED BELOW.

3. THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP, AGREED TO PROPOSE ARGENTINE PERMREP ORTIZ DE ROZAS AS PREPCOM CHAIRMAN. NO OTHER CANDIDATE HAS BEEN SUGGESTED AND IT APPEARS VIRTUALLY CERTAIN THAT ORTIZ WILL BE THE CHAIRMAN. USUN RECOMMENDS THAT WE JOIN THE EMERGING CONSENSUS.

4. THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP ENDORSED THE CONCEPT OF A 5-MEMBER PREPCOM BUREAU (CONSISTING OF THE CHAIRMAN, 3 VICE-CHAIRMEN, AND A RAPPORTEUR) WITH ONE MEMBER FROM EACH OF THE REGIONAL GROUPS. IN ADDITION TO ARGENTINA, YUGOSLAVIA, AND NORWAY HAVE DECLARED THEIR INTEREST IN BEING RESPECTIVE VICE-CHAIRMEN FROM THE EE AND WESTERN EUROPEAN GROUPS. THE SOVIETS CAN BE EXPECTED TO OBJECT TO HAVING A YUGOSLAV FILL THE EE POST, BUT IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER THEY WILL FINALLY ACCEPT IT OR INSTEAD PUSH FOR A 10-MEMBER BUREAU IN WHICH EACH GROUP WOULD HAVE TWO SEATS. THE WEOG MEMBERS OF THE PREPCOM WILL DISCUSS THE NORWEGIAN CANDIDACY ON MARCH 9; NORWAY HAS ASKED FOR OUR SUPPORT (SEPTTEL). THERE ARE AS YET NO DECLARED AFRICAN OR ASIAN CANDIDATES.

5. RULES OF PROCEDURE--THE POSITION OF THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP HAS TWO ELEMENTS: A) READINESS IN PRINCIPLE TO MAKE A MAXIMUM EFFORT TO REACH DECISIONS BY CONSENSUS AND B) APPLICATION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S RULES OF PROCEDURE IN EVENT OF AN IMPASSE. YUGOSLAV MISOFF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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STATED THAT NON-ALIGNED GROUP IS "ABSOLUTELY FIRM" ON THIS MATTER AND THAT ADOPTION OF CONSENSUS PROCEDURE IS OUT OF THE QUESTION. WE STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF FULL AND OPEN DISCUSSION OF THIS MATTER AT FIRST PREPCOM SO THAT ALL DELEGATIONS WOULD BE AWARE OF DAMAGE TO SPECIAL SESSION'S PROSPECTS INHERENT IN VOTING SITUATION INVOLVING CONFRONTATION BETWEEN NON-NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES AND ONE OR MORE NUCLEAR POWERS. THE MATTER IS ON THE AGENDA OF THE MARCH 9 WEOG PREPCOM GROUP MEETING. YOUNG

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